

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



July 24, 2001

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 01-48

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL IHSS PROGRAM MANAGERS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☒ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: **NEW FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL FOR THE AGED AND
DISABLED FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (A&D FPL) PROGRAM
FOR IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES/PERSONAL CARE
SERVICES PROGRAM (IHSS/PCSP) RECIPIENTS**

REFERENCES: California Department of Social Services (CDSS) All-County Letter
(ACL) No. 10-01
Department of Health Services (DHS) ACL No. 01-16

The purpose of this ACL is to inform counties of a change to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) effective April 1, 2001 and to provide IHSS/PCSP Program Managers with instructions for implementing the new levels for the A&D FPL program.

Background

The CDSS ACL 10-01 (A&D FPL Program for IHSS/PCSP Recipients) provided A&D FPL implementation guidance to all county IHSS/PCSP Program Managers and Welfare Directors. The A&D FPL eligibility determination used year 2000 FPL rates until new 2001 FPL rates were available. The new rates have been published and became effective April 1, 2001.

EFFECTIVE INCOME LIMIT (EIL) CHANGE

Beginning April 1, 2001, **eligible** recipients must meet the following effective income limits as calculated using form MC 176 (Aged and Disabled Federal Poverty Level Program Financial Eligibility Form).

Single Individuals: **Effective Monthly Income Limit - \$946.00**
(100% of the FPL [\$716.00] and a \$230.00 disregard)

Couples: **Effective Monthly Income Limit - \$1278.00**
(100% of the FPL [\$968.00] and a \$310.00 disregard)

IMPLEMENTATION

The new A&D FPL EIL must be applied with the January 1, 2001 Retirement Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2001 to determine A&D FPL eligibility. This applies to current PCSP cases and new intake cases effective April 1, 2001.

In comparison with year 2000 FPL rates, the rate for single individuals increased \$20.00 (\$696.00 to \$716.00) and the rate for couples increased \$30.00 (\$938.00 to \$968.00). The \$230.00 disregard for an individual and \$310.00 disregard for couples remains unchanged.

In comparison with the SSI/SSP payment standards, which provide a basis for IHSS/PCSP share-of-cost determinations, the SSI/SSP rate for single individuals increased \$20.00 (\$692.00 to \$712.00) and the rate for couples increased \$36.00 (\$1229.00 to \$1265.00).

The FPL increase and the RSDI COLA increase may change A&D FPL program eligibility for individuals and couples. Cases where the effective income is just below and above the EIL need to be reviewed for any changes to program eligibility.

All other A&D FPL implementation instructions of CDSS ACL 10-01 remain in effect.

Questions regarding this program change should be referred to the IHSS/PCSP Operations and Technical Assistance Unit at (916) 229-4000.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By
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Attachments

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March 7, 2001

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Health Executives
All County Mental Health Directors

Letter No.: 01-16

NEW FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2001

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos. 90-42, 91-34, 92-19, 93-16, 94-29, 95-19, 96-17, 97-11, 98-14, 99-15, and 00-10

The enclosed chart provides you with the poverty level ceilings for all the Medi-Cal percentage programs. These ceilings are derived from the annual federal poverty level (FPL) figures (column 5) published in the Federal Register on February 16, 2001 (Volume 66, Number 33, pages 10695-10697).

We have also enclosed a new Sneede v. Kizer prorated FPL chart based on the new poverty levels (100 percent) which are used for Section 1931(b) applicants and some recipients which are also effective on April 1, 2001.

If you have any questions on the FPL chart, please contact Mr. Dave Rappolee at (916) 657-0163. For questions about the Sneede v. Kizer prorated chart, please contact Ms. Erin Lynch at (916) 654-5769 or Ms. Margie Buzdas at (916) 657-0726.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Glenda Arellano
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Enclosures

2001 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHART										Effective 4/1/01	
Persons	Monthly MMNL(\$)	MMNL as % of FPL	Monthly 100%(\$)	Annual(\$) 100% FPL	120% Monthly (\$)	133% Monthly (\$)	185% Monthly (\$)	200% Monthly (\$)	250% Monthly (\$)		
1	600	84	716	8590	859	953	1325	1432	1790		
2	750	78	968	11610	1161	1287	1790	1935	2419		
2 Adults	934	97	968	11610	1161	1287	1790	1935	2419		
3	934	77	1220	14630	1463	1622	2256	2439	3048		
4	1100	75	1471	17650	1765	1957	2722	2942	3678		
5	1259	74	1723	20670	2067	2291	3187	3445	4307		
6	1417	72	1975	23690	2369	2626	3653	3949	4936		
7	1550	70	2226	26710	2671	2961	4118	4452	5565		
8	1692	69	2478	29730	2973	3296	4584	4955	6194		
9	1825	67	2730	32750	3275	3630	5049	5459	6823		
10	1959	66	2981	35770	3577	3965	5515	5962	7453		
For each addtl member add:	14		252	3020	302	335	466	504	630		

Medi-Cal maintenance need limit for person in LTC = \$35

Medi-Cal regular maintenance need level = MMNL

Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) = 100%

Children ages 6 up to 19 = 100%

Specified Low Income Beneficiaries < 120%

Children age 1 up to age 6 = 133%

Pregnant women and infants up to age 1: Income Disregard Program: use the 200% chart (the disregard is built into the 200% chart.)

Qualified Disabled Working Individuals = 200%

Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) = 185%

*Decimals are rounded up to the nearest dollar

Section 1931(b) Determinations: Sneede v. Kizer
Prorated FPL Income Standard and Property Levels
- April 1, 2001 -

I. MBU Contains an Adult - May also Include an Unborn

Person Type	1931(b) Income	Property
Single Parent	\$ 716	\$3,000
Single Parent with Unborn	968	3,000
Married Couple -Two Adults	968	3,000
Married Couple with Unborn	1,220	3,150
Unmarried Couple - Each Unmarried Partner	716	3,000

II. MBU Contains Adult(s) and Child(ren)

Allow the full non-Sneede Section 1931(b) income/property limits for the MBU based on the number of individuals in the MBU.

III. MBU Contains a Nonparent Caretaker Relative, or Child(ren) with No Parents Living in the Home, or Child(ren) Whose Parent is PA/Other PA and Not in the MFBU

Each MBU receives full non-Sneede 1931(b) income/property limit based on the number of persons in each MBU. If there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, include the unborn in the pregnant minor's MBU.

IV. MBU Contains Only Children Who Live with One or Both Parents (Not Stepparents) and They Are in the Same MFBU (Do not include a parent who is PA/other PA and not in the MFBU. Also, if there is a pregnant minor in the MFBU, her unborn is considered as another child in the pregnant minor's MBU.)

No. of Children in MBU	One Parent		Two Parents	
	Prorated Income	Prorated Property	Prorated Income	Prorated Property
1	\$ 484	\$1,500	\$ 407	\$1,050
2	814	2,100	736	1,650
3	1,104	2,475	1,034	2,070
4	1,379	2,760	1,317	2,400
5	1,646	3,000	1,590	2,679
6	1,908	3,215	1,859	2,925
7	2,169	3,413	2,124	3,150
8	2,427	3,600	2,385	3,360
9	2,683	3,780	2,646	3,437
10*	2,940	3,819	2,905	3,500

***NOTE:** Add \$252 for each additional child after 10 to Section 1931(b) income standards to determine prorated income standards. $\frac{\text{No. Children in MBU}}{\text{Parent(s) + No. Children in MBU}} \times \text{1931(b) Income Standard for Parent(s) + Child(ren) in MBU} = \text{Prorated income}$